

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I strongly believe that locally owned media outlets provide a community-based voice that is absolutely necessary for the free expression of ideas on a local basis. The bigger the company, the less interest they'll have regarding local issues. I want my tax dollars to go to agencies that make strong rules to ensure fair play and the protection of local voices. I am deeply disturbed about the limited sources of media voices (less and less companies owning more and more outlets.)